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Educational Qualifications				
Degree		Institution	Year	
Ph.D.		University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA	1991	
M.Litt.		University of Delhi	1983	
MA		University of Delhi	1980	
Career Profile				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi, Delhi (2000-present) 2. Reader, Department of Linguistics, Assam University, Silchar, Assam (1995- 2000) 				
Administrative Assignments				
Areas of Interest / Specialization				
<p>Shobha Satyanath specializes in the related multidisciplinary areas of Language Variation and Change, Socio Phonetics, Dialect Geography, Language contact, Pidgins and Creoles, Multilingualism, Socio-Historical, and quantitative linguistics, which translates into both her teaching and research. Her research is majorly concentrated in Eastern and North Eastern India and on urban town and cities across the country.</p>				
Subjects Taught				

1. Introduction to Linguistics
2. Phonetics
3. Aspects of Linguistic Behaviour
4. Topics in Sociolinguistics
5. Multilingualism
6. Language contact, mixed languages
7. Historical Linguistics
8. Research Methodology,
9. Data and Methodology,
10. Englishes across the world,

Research Guidance

List against each head (If applicable)

Supervision of Doctoral Thesis

1. Laskar, Nazrin B. (2011). Contact: A study of variation and change in a bilingual context: The case of Bishnupriya. (awarded)
2. Dey, Kakoli (2010). A Sociolinguistic study: Silchar Bengali. (awarded)
3. Sharma, Richa . A sociophonetic study of variation in vowels among Hindi / Punjabi-English bilinguals in Delhi.
4. Bhattacharya, Pratibha. Variation and change: A case study of Calcutta Bengali
5. Saxena, Raj Tilak. A Sociolinguistic Study of Bhopal: Hindi and its Constituent Varieties.
6. Kelhouvnuo Suokhrie. *Clanlectal contact and its impact on language change in Kohima village*

Supervision of awarded M.Phil dissertations

- Viya Terhijja . A study of southern Angami dialects in space. (submitted)
- Catherine Michael. Language choice in a multilingual context: implications for phonology.
- Gayatri Das. Language and ethnicity: A case study of Missing in Assam with particular reference to Dhemaji.
- Kelhuo Vinuo Suokhrie. Internal variation in Angami: A case study of Kohima village.
- Neethu Sunny . A Sociolinguistic study of Malayalam in Cherukunnam.
- Richa, Sharma. Phonetic Realizations of vowels in Indian English.
- Bhattacharya, Pratibha . Voicing patterns in Delhi English.
- Das, Bishakha. The lesser-known languages of Lohit district: A socio-historical investigation. Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi.
- Laskar, Nazrin B. Contact between Tibeto-Burman and Indic: The case of Bishnupriya.

Publications Profile

1. Satyanath, Shobha and Sharma Richa. (in press). The growth of English in Delhi: New perspectives in a multilingual setting. In Singh, Jaspal, Argyro Kantara and Dorottya Cserzö (eds.) *Downscaling Culture: Revisiting Intercultural Communication*. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars.
2. Satyanath, Shobha (2015). Language variation and change: The Indian experience. In Dick Smakman and Patrick Heinrich (eds.). *Globalizing Sociolinguistics*, 107- 122. Routledge.
3. Satyanath, Shobha (2015). Editorial. *Asia-Pacific Language Variation*, 1(1), 1-6. DOI: 10.1075/aplv.1.1.001ed
4. Satyanath, Shobha (2015). Editorial. *Asia-Pacific Language Variation*, 1(2), 1-3
5. Satyanath, Shobha (in press). Editorial. *Asia-Pacific Language Variation*, 2(1), 1-4
6. Satyanath, Shobha (2015). Editorial. *Asia-Pacific Language Variation*, 1(2), DOI: 10.1075/aplv.1.1.001ed
7. Satyanath, Shobha and Nazrin Laskar. 2009. Ethnicity, bilingualism and variable clitic marking in Bishnupriya Manipuri. In James N. Stanford and Dennis R. Preston (eds.). *Variation in Indigenous Minority languages*, 441-462. John Benjamins.

8. Satyanath, Shobha and NazrinLaskar (2008). Lexicon in a contact language. In Stephen Morey, and Mark Post (eds.). North East Indian Linguistics, 75-92. New Delhi:Foundation/Cambridge University Press.
9. Satyanath, Shobha (2006). English in the new world: continuity and change, the case of personal pronouns in Guyanese English. In Parth Bhatt, and Ingo Plag(eds.). The structure of Creole Words: Segmental, syllabic and morphological aspects, 179-200. Tübingen: Max Verlag Niemeyer.
10. Satyanath, Shobha. 2004-5. Postcolonial creole(s), decreolization, and Guyanese English. Sargasso (I): [Creolistics and Caribbean Languages], 113-140.
11. Satyanath, Shobha. 2003. On the maintenance of transplanted Indian languages overseas. In Rekha Sharma, and E. Annamalai (eds.). Indian diaspora: In search of identity, 85-104. Mysore: Central Institute of Indian Languages.
12. Satyanath, Shobha. 2003. Review of Mukherjee, Aditi and Vasanta Duggirala (eds). Practice and research in literacy. Contributions to Indian Sociology 37(3), 545-547.
13. Satyanath, Shobha. 2003. A bibliography on Indians overseas. In Rekha Sharma, and E. Annamalai (eds.). Indian diaspora: In search of identity, 338-347. Mysore: Central Institute of Indian Languages.
14. Satyanath, Shobha. 2001. Language change and transmission of knowledge across generation. Indian Linguistics (62): 73-88.
15. Satyanath, Shobha. 2001. Reviews of Rajendra Singh (ed.). Grammar, language and society. And Lachman M. Khubchnadani. Revisualizing boundaries, A plurilingual ethos. Contributions to Indian Sociology 35(3): 438-440.
16. Satyanath, Shobha. 2000. Adequacy of creole languages: accounting for variation in the tense-aspect categories in Guyanese English. Vartavaha (5):1-44. Mysore: Central Institute of Indian Languages.
17. Satyanath, Shobha. 1994. Review of Rajend Mesthrie. A Sociolinguistic history of Bhojpuri-Hindi in South Africa. Language in Society 23(4):591-595.
18. Satyanath, Shobha. 1992. Perceptual significance of acoustic cues in nasals in Burmese. Proceedings of the workshop on speech technology, Madras: Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology.
19. Satyanath, Shobha. 1990. The use of pronouns and its implications for the implicational modal of decreolization in Guyanese. The Penn Review of Linguistics (14): 129-142. Department of Linguistics: University of Pennsylvania.

Monographs

6. Satyanath, Shobha (1997). Language on Assam Tea Plantations. UGC Minor Research Project. Assam University, Silchar.
7. Satyanath, Shobha (1998). Adequacy of Creole Languages: Accounting for variation in the tense-aspect categories in Guyanese English. Indian Council for Social Science and Research. Kannada University, Hampi, Karnataka.

Conference Organization/ Presentations

List against each head (If applicable)

Organization of a Conference

- New ways of analyzing language variation and change. (NWAV ASIA-PACIFIC I) University of Delhi, Delhi (February 23-36, 2011).
- Social lives of language, A Cardiff – Delhi University Symposium, University of Delhi (August 16, 2013).
- Panel on *Landscaping languages of North East India*. NEILS. Latrobe University and Guwahati University, Assam (January Jan 31-Feb 2, 2014).
- Panel on *Study of speech communities in India*. University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (February 6-8, 2014).
- Downscaling Culture: revisiting intercultural communication. In collaboration with Cardiff University, Wales, UK (September 18-19, 2014).
- Multiple Voices. Colloquium in appreciation of Ramakant Agnihotri (December 2010).

Participation as Paper/Poster Presenter

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

2016

1. Hybridity, multilingualism, identity and change in Nagaland. Language power and Identity in Asia: Creating and Crossing Language boundaries. IAS Leiden, Netherlands (March 14-16, 2016).

2. Motivation for language change in language contact. NWAV-AP 4. National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan (April 20-22, 2016).

2014

Problematizing style shift in Indian contexts. Keynote Address, Downscaling Culture: revisiting intercultural communication. Cardiff University, Wales, UK. (September 18-19, 2014)

Studying a restructured variety in a multilingual context. NWAV-AP 3. University of Victoria, Wellington, New Zealand (May 1-3, 2014).

Sociolinguistic research: The Indian experience. SALA. University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (February 6-8, 2014).

Retroflex, palatals and conjunct consonants. NEILS. Latrobe University and Guwahati University, Assam (January 31-Feb 2, 2014).

2012

The Indian experience with English-from classroom to the community, from ESL/EFL to ENL. Tenth Asia TEFL. TEFL Asia (with Richa Sharma), Delhi, India. (October 4-6, 2012).

Diffusion of linguistic changes in nineteenthth century Bengal. NWAV ASIA-PACIFIC II, NINJAL, Tokyo, Japan (August 1-4, 2012).

2011

Spatiality of alveolars and palatals across Eastern India. NWAV ASIA-PACIFIC I, University of Delhi, Delhi (February 23-36, 2011).

Is a multilingual speech community possible? Panel discussion on Asia Pacific speech communities: Challenges. NWAV ASIA-PACIFIC I, University of Delhi, Delhi (February 23-26, 2011).

2010

Landscaping Bengali through time and space. International Congress of Bengal Studies. University of Delhi, Delhi (February 25-28, 2010).

2008

Bishnupriya and not Manipuri? Surviving identity amid conflict in North East Part of India. NWAV, Houston, Texas, U.S.A. (November. 2008) [jointly with Nazrin Laskar].

Outcomes of contact: variability in NP structure of Bishnupriya. International meeting of the North East Indian Linguistic Society (NEILS). Latrobe University and Guwahati University, Assam (January 20-22, 2008) [jointly with Nazrin Laskar].

Problematizing the discourse of endangered languages. International Seminar on Endangered and indigenous languages. CALTS, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (March 1-3, 2008).

2007

Journey of Khan from Assamese to Nagamese. International meeting of the North East Indian Linguistic Society (NEILS). Latrobe University and Guwahati University, Assam (February 7-9, 2007) [jointly with Kakoli Dey].

Revisiting the story of Khan in Nagamese. 13th International Himalayan Language Symposium. Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (October 22-24, 2007) [jointly with Kakoli Dey].

2006

Creoles under scanner: natural change and unnatural languages? International Workshop on Simplicity and Complexity in Creole languages. University of Siegen, Siegen, Germany (April 6-8, 2006).

Lexicon in a contact language: Bishnupriya. International meeting of the North East Indian Linguistic Society. La

Trobe University, Australia and Gauhati University, Gauhati (February 6-7, 2006). [jointly with Nazrin Laskar].

2003

Morphology within and across generations of speakers: the case of Guyanese Creole English. International Workshop on the Phonology and Morphology of Creole Languages. University of Siegen, Germany (October 8-10, 2003).

Variability in the use and distribution of classifiers in Bishnupriya- a contact language (jointly with Nazrin Laskar). New Ways of Analysing Variation (NWAV 32). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, U.S.A (October 9-12, 2003).

Globalization, language diversity and new world Englishes. International Conference on Issues in Applied Linguistics. Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi, Delhi (December 12-14, 2003).

1998-1999

Is Nagamese a pidgin, creole or a restructured variety? International Conference on South Asian Languages. Punjab University, Patiala (January 9-11, 1999).

Variation in agreement- Is there number concord in Guyanese English creole? International Seminar on Agreement. Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi, Delhi (January 9-11, 1998).

1990-1994

Maintenance of transplanted Indian languages overseas: a comparative perspective. International Conference on the maintenance of Indian languages and cultures overseas. CIIL, Mysore (January 5-9, 1994).

The issue of rule ordering in variable phonology: (daz) in Guyanese. The annual meeting of the Linguistic Society of America and the Society of Pidgin and Creole Linguistics. University of California, L.A., U.S.A (January 7-11, 1993).

On the tense marking of (daz) in Guyanese English Creole. Meeting of the Society for Pidgins and Creole Linguistics in conjunction with the Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Chicago, U.S.A. (January 3-6, 1991).

The use of pronouns and its implications for the implicational modal of decreolization in Guyanese. The fourteenth Annual Penn Linguistics Colloquium. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (February 9-10, 1990).

1989-1982

Perceptual significance of acoustic properties: voiceless nasals in Burmese. International Conference on linguistic approaches to phonetics. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (May 1-3, 1989).

Indian substratum in Guyanese Creole? South Asian Languages Analysis Round Table IX. Cornell/ Syracuse University, Ithaca/ Syracuse (June 5-7, 1987).

Testing language proficiency in India: some problematic issues. VIII Delaware Symposium on language studies. University of Delaware, Newark (October 23-25, 1986).

Politeness Phenomenon in Hindi. South Asian Languages Analysis Round Table III. CIIL, Mysore (May, 1982).

National Seminars/ Conferences/Talks

Fundamentals of Sociolinguistics. Key note Lecture. Short term course on Sociolinguistics. IIT Roorkee, June 9, 2014.

Issues in language contact. Short term course on Sociolinguistics. IIT Roorkee, June 9, 2014.

Language variation and gender. Keynote Address. National Seminar on Gender and Language, In commemoration of Prof. K. Nagamma Reddy. University of Kerala, Trivendrum (March 12-14, 2014).

Let's talk. What is your Bhasha? The jumpstart festival. India International Centre (August 30, 2013).

Proposal and Project Writing. Centre for professional development in higher education University of Delhi (7 Mar-9 March 2013).

Boundaries of Knowledge: Sociolinguistics and Social sciences. Boundaries of knowledge: Methods and strategies. Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi, Delhi (March 23, 2013).

Language and identity. Gijubhai Memorial Lecture. Jesus and Mary College (As part of annual event, 'AAGAAZ: The Beginning) Delhi (March 22, 2013).

Nation and Language. Meeting of the Zomi language and Literature Society (ZOLLS). Manipur. Nov 20-22, 2012.

The state and the speech community: The role of language and linguistic cultures in identity formations. The role of language and culture in nation making. Bombay University (January 27-29, 2011).

Language Variation and change: Social and temporal lives of language. Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi, Delhi (31-12-2011).

Research Projects (Major Grants/Research Collaboration)

1. Research collaboration and cooperation with Kanda University of International Studies, Japan. The project seeks to develop modules in eight different varieties of English including Indian English [2015-2016].
2. International Collaboration with Cardiff University, Wales, UK. (ICSSR-ESRC-UKIERI Ph.D. Partnering Initiative) [2013-2016].

Awards and Distinctions

Govt. of India National Scholarship for study abroad

Association With Professional Bodies

1. **Editor**, *Asia-Pacific Language Variation*. John Benjamins.
2. Member, Editorial Board, John Benjamins (Creole Library Series). 2006-present.
3. Member, Editorial Advisory Board. *Journal of Pidgin and Creole languages*. John Benjamins (until 2014).
4. Member of the International Steering Committee: NWAV-AP.

Other Activities

Building Speech corpora of Indian Languages